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Monument To Honor Men From Minority Races Planned

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Determined Vets drive for monument

"Be not afraid for unity and togetherness is our thang." This is the motto for the newly organized Black Vietnam Veterans of Tacoma. (BVVT)

The fact that nothing has ever been built to honor the men from minority races who have lost their lives in Vietnam gave Louis Smith the idea to start a drive to raise funds to erect a monument in memory of these men. The estimated cost of the monument is $12,000 and is hoped to be placed somewhere near the County-City building.

Louis Smith, founder and president of BVVT, is a 1965 graduate of Stadium High School. Being very active in school activities Smith was selected to be a foreign exchange student. The country in which Smith was to live was Germany. Smith felt it was a chance in a life time so he accepted although he had no previous experience in travelling and didn't know the German language.

After Smith returned home from a year in Germany he attempted schooling at Highline CC. With so much pressure from the draft board because of his absence from college the year before he then enlisted in the Army before he was drafted. Smith felt that by enlisting he would be able to pick his job easily.

When Smith completed basic training he then become a cook. He put in two tours of duty in Vietnam as a cook. He was responsible for the feeding of 1,000 men.

While Smith was in Vietnam he saw what he called "A unity of blacks and other minorities." Smith said "They always got the job done safely and they were always looking out for each other." What Smith saw in Vietnam he felt could work at home to.

After Smith was given an Honorable discharge from the Army he came home and met with six other Vietnam vets. The thought of organizing BVVT was discussed and being extremely ambitious they all wanted to do it.

Last May Smith and five other young vets (Manzil Hartfield, Bobby Frazier, William Muse, Everett Watkins, and Craig Johnson) got together, elected officers for the organization and planned future programs they would sponsor. The officers elected were Louis Smith—president, Manzil Hartfield—vice president, Izell Cason — sec.-treas., Leon Leon Walker—recording sec., and Harry Whitney — sergeant of arms.

Smith said that a monument is essential in establishing pride in the black community; it would give them something to be proud of and something to identify themselves with.

Smith said that critics say raising funds for a monument is a waste and that the money could be used for more immediate needs

Leon Walker, Rec. Sec; Lewis Smith, Pres; Izell Cason, Treas; Manzel Hartfield, Vice-Pres; Harry Whitney, Sgt. of Arm;

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'A monument would build pride in the black community'

Seated: Gloria Cason, Sgt. of Arms; Pat Worthour, Vice-Pres; Delores Brown, Treas; Pam Brazel. Standing: Mary Hatcher, Deborah Saunders, Ethel Smith, Betty Welch, (not shown) Velma Johnson and Pat Worthow.

The Black Vietnam Veterans Tacoma Auxiliary is the group that stands behind the BVVT helping them to implement their programs. The president, Harriet Williams, explains that the group was organized August 3, 1970.

"The BVVT Auxiliary started as another group. We became interested in the BVVT and what they were doing in the Tacoma community after meeting with them. We shared with them the same ideas about working in the community and we were a concerned group of women. The BVVT, however, had gone one step farther than showing concern -- they were an action group. Now our main function is to support the BVVT."

The Auxiliary's first project was the Malcolm X Center cleanup campaign. Since then they have helped the BVVT with many other projects. They are currently working on the Telethon Bazaar.

Cap And Gown Club Celebrates Annual Xmas Party

by Lill & Teri

Seriously considering her new Post as President of the Robert E. Garner Cap and Gown Club is Mr. W. Green with Mr. Harold Clayton, Program Chairman of the Xmas Party.

Members and guest of the Robert E. Garner Cap and Gown Club enjoyed festive refreshments and a delicious repast Sunday evening, December 13th at the Elks Rest.

Gifts were exchanged among the members, then each member presented his guest with a gift.

The Cap and Gown Club is an educational subsidiary of the I. B. O. P. E. of W.. Each year they sponsor an oratorical contest for students who are judged on the local, state, regional, and national level (if applicable), on their ability to orate. This organization has been very influential and encouraging to students with oratorical.

Capabilities and/or those seeking assistance toward higher education.

Mrs. William (Harriette) Green was recently elected President for the year 1971.

Fund Raising Event Planned

The public is invited to attend a Thelethon Bazaar sponsored by the Black Vietnam Veterans Tacoma on December 22 and 23 at the UPS Fieldhouse. Featured both days, from 12 noon to 12 midnight will be some of the most exciting entertainment from the Puget Sound area.

Tacomans will witness such dynamic groups as: Bobby and the Innkeepers, The Rhaw Syncopation and Co., Charles and the Entertainers, The Two Bit Medicine Show and Band Wagon, The Neal Sisters and many more.

Elegant fashions for 1971 will be viewed both nights. Tacoma merchants will have booths set up to display the latest products and inventions.

The Bazaar is an all out effort by the BVVT to raise the $12,000 needed for the building and erection of their monument. The monument is to be placed somewhere near the County City Building.

Admission to the bazaar will be $1.50 per person for both nights. There will also be on sale a souvenir book entitle "telethon Bazaar."

People Speak Out

Second Report to Model Cities
Grassroot People
E. Hosea Hankerson

It is somewhat disappointing that I find it necessary to make a secon report to you my grassroot brothers and sisters. But the dogged determination of the establishment to manipulate us leaves me no choice. Weare demanding so little and yet the Tacoma City Council and the Acting City Manager have shown no concerned toward or for our grievances.

I have addressed a brief to every member of the City Council and Mayor and not one of them have bothered to reply to my message. The City Manager did answer a letter addressed to him dated November 9, but he did not attempt to address himself to our real grievances.

It would be so easy for the City Council to overide the actions of City Manager Marshall McCormick in the hiring and firing director's of the Model Cities and let the people select a director in the same manner he hired the director in the study program. The City Council, in my opinion, is more concerned in the maintaining of the ego of a lame duck City Manager than they are in helping some 14,000 people in the Model City area maintain their dignity and self-respect.

The study grant and action for the Model City is ended. We are now ready for the first years action program. It would have been so easy to have said to the people that it was time to select a staff to implement the first years action program and open applications for the jobs to be filled.

A thank you to those who had worked so faithfully would have been in order; but they would have been eligible to apply for the new positions. I need not tell you that this was not done. The director who put the program together was fired and another director was hired without wide consultation with the organiations and people in the target area

We do not have much but we have enough, I had hoped that there was enough honor left in the establishment so that we could have settled out grievances without a major confrontation, but that hope is fading fast.

Listen Brothers and Sisters, I want you to hear me and hear me good. The man has no intentions of treating us with any respect and honor. Moses did not have anything but a stick; Moses used that stick and God gave Isreal salvation through that stick.

I am concerned about what is being done to Aunt Martha; Aunt Martha's nephew may live in the big house which makes him a house n_____; he has no concern about what is being done to his own Mother, Aunt Martha lives in the quarters with us she is the mother of us field hands and you had better believe that we are concerned or care about what is being done to her.

I shall not insult your intelligency by telling you who your leaders are, they live among you; Please be assured that I take no pleasure in taking a brother to task even if he is a house n_____"but we have no honor for sale".

We are calling a community prayer meeting on Friday, December 18, at 7:30 p.m., in Miles Memorial CME Church, 1601 So. "L" St. There will be no speeches, nothing but soulful songs and prayer. We will do what we believe that God is leading us to do in the future. The prayer meeting is open to the Public.

MISSION SOCIETY SHARE CHRISTMAS

The Naomi Circle of Shiloh Baptist Church Shareda Christmas Fellowship with patients at the Pierce County Unit of Western State Hospital in the employees lounge on Friday, December, 11th.

The group shared Christmas dreams and thoughts and sung Xmas Carols together. Grace was given by Mrs. J.W. Wesley and a delicious buffet luncheon was served. The menu consisted of turkey and dressing, green peas and beans, sweet potato souffle, tossed green salad, relish dish, hot rolls, punch, coffee and cookies.

EMMANUAL RESOURCE CENTER

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The Emmanuel Temple Church of God in Christ, has recently opened a Resource Center to the Community. Formerly located at 1701 South "J" St., the Center serves as a resource to higher education. Courses are offered each Monday and Thursday night. A special class is conducted from 9 O' clock until 11 O'clock each Saturday for the benefit of persons who work nights.

The Center under the supervision of its administrator, Bishop R. E. Altheimer, operates from 6:30 until 9:30 Mondays and 6:00 until 9:15 on Thursdays. Such courses are offered as Bible, Reading comprehension, Spelling, Grammar, Literature, Science, Math, Spanish, classes are geared to help persons interested in acquiring a G. E. D. test.

For further information please contact mr.
Mrs. Julia M. Burton
Dean of Admissions
BR 2-4005 or MA 7-9696

Reporter,
Margie Bell

Notice

Do you know a girl who has dropped out of school? Do you know a girl who needs job training? Do you know any women who has time on their hands and a desire to do volunteer work? Then contact the WICS (Women in Community Service) Office. Tacoma Office, MA 7-2860, if no answer call Dyan Jones at BR 2-6159.

LOCAL AUTO RACING CLUB NEWS

By -Darla LeGault

Have you ever wondered just what an auto racing club does when they are not racing, when the actual racing season is over for these thrill of speed seeking class of persons. Well I can tell you that there is no vacation from auto racing if you really enjoy the sport, as when the actual racing is over you attend the annual point trophy banquet that honors the top drivers and special awards, and all of the people that it takes to make a club and put on a racing program.

At the banquet there is also the election of the coming years officers and officials. The main thing is always kept in mind when making up the new rules is anything to do with making the car safe for the driver and anyone else that is around the car.

The officers and officials get together almost every week so that they can get the rules ready early.

The following is a look into three of the Puget Sound areas oval track auto racing clubs:

This club is better known as the ARI in this area, but is a club that the Northwest should be proud of, for it has a membership of over 400, making it one of the largest auto racing clubs in the United States. It became incorporated in May of 1964.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Combined Chorus of the Bethlehem Baptist Church presents their Christmas Concert Sunday evening December 21, 1970, at 7:30 p.m. 1725 South "Eye" Street.

The choirs under the direction of Mrs. Willie Erwin will be rendering such favorite anthems as "The Holy City," "Hallalujah Chorus" and "Tribute to Carols," accompanied by Mrs. James Nash and Mrs. John Chapman, pianist, Mr. Jimmie Brown and Mrs. Lois Bradford, organist.

Other featured artists include the Bryant sisters (Candace and Gwendolyn), Mr. Bobby Brown, the Gospelaires, Spiritual Six and Little Miss Barbara Warren with Christmas melodies on her accordion.

Come and enjoy an evening of worship in songs of inspiration.

TACOMA URBAN LEAGUE
VISITS CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION

On the evening of December 9, 1970 the Central Employment Office of the Tacoma Urban League visited the Washington Correctional Institution of Sheldon Washington. This Institution is more commonly referred to as "PRISON". For those in attendance as well as those in "residence" it was an evening of "Glad to be here, sorry we can't take you home", and "Don't want to be here, wish we could go home.

Nonetheless, there are many people in Tacoma right now, and throughout the country who are becoming increasingly aware of why many Black Men are in prison. They are beginning to understand that survival rather that "criminal intent" is the reason our brethen are there. And our brethen are not understanding, but feeling-experiencing the pain-hate-frustration of legal/illegal rentention; i.e., the fact that bails are too high, parol's are administered "turtle style", and work release programs are barely off the ground.

The Central Employment Office is attempting to initiate a program whereby some of these problems are sincerely and legally dealt with. It is the desire of the office that the people of the total community become interested. For further information contact: Mr. James Waller/or Mr. Duke Franks; Central Employment Office; Phone: BR-29386.

A trip to Sheldon is being planned for Jan. 27, 1971. All people who have relatives in the Correctional Institution should contact Mr. Waller immediately. Donations from all interested parties will be accepted.

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Meet Your Neighbor

By D. M. McKerson

JIM WALTON

"I believe that I have found a different meaning to life through active participation."

Sitting behind his desk, slowly speaking, giving each word much thought, Jim Walton gestures and explains his commitment to the Black community.

"I decided after the Martin Luther King shooting to help bring about the necessary changes in our society that would enable Black people to enjoy the American way of life. For me, Blackness had to have some substance."

On July 20, 1970, Jim became the Director of the Tacoma Urban Coalition. Explainning the need for such an organization, Jim states that "Program orientated organizations take a fragmented approach to solving problems in the community. This approach has not been successful. The Coalition tries to be a unifying force in the community by involving all necessary elements in problem solving -- business, industry, government and most importantly, "community people, "those who live the problems daily. The Coalition is a motivating, coordinating, communicating force that tries to bridge the gaps by concentrating on seven important areas: employment, housing, health, education, law and justice, welfare, public attitudes and communications."

Jim was born in Dallas, Texas. He moved to Tacoma eight years ago after a tour of duty in the military. He has attended San Diego City College, Tacoma Community College and the University of Puget Sound.

He is an active member of the Urban League; Concerned Black Citizens; Citizens Advisory Committee, Stanley School; Planning Council, UGN Community Council; Board of Directors Afro-American Education Society; the first MESBC Board of Directors in Washington; the Law and Justice Task Force, Model Cities.

From 1962 to 1967 Jim played semi-pro football for the Tacoma Tyees. Today, he plays basketball to unwind and release the tensions caused from such a busy schedule.

As he talks, there seems to be an aura of quiet solitude about him. He says, "I am really a loner. I like the simple life. I enjoy getting up early, especially on cold brisk mornings. My favorite pastime is listening to jazz music. My favorite jazz musician is Cannonball Adderley. Through music and art, I can escape from daily life."

Jim collects photographs, oils and statuettes by developing Black artists. He does not concentrate on any particular medium. "My collection consists of the artifacts that identify with Blackness and the meaningful substance in life that I am seeking."

Influenced by his brother, a state representative in California, Jim plans to go into politics. "I realize that in this state to have political aspirations presents quite a challenge. For a Black man, for me, the idea plus the challenge has an added appeal.

Birthdays can Be Fun!

Richard Walton, Son of Mrs. Lild Anerson was surrounded by friends when he celebrated his 7th birthday at his home at 2526 So. "L" St. He and his friends enjoyed the birthday dinner, plus the goodies of ice cream and cake.

Among the guest were Mrs. Milton Andrews, from McCarver school , Richie's teacher.

Pictured above are some of the distinguised guest. Front left to right; David Williams, Michael Shannon, Mark Strong, (Richie) Mrs. Andrews, Kathy Shannon, Tonenesu Rouse. Back row; John Walton, Skip Scoggin, and James Walton.

LISTEN

By GEORGE WARNER

'WHERE HAVE ALL THE VALUES GONE?

One thousand people will pay 4 or 5 dollars or more to fill a hall to hear a rock group play songs by Muddy Waters or Howlin' Wolf or T-Bone Walker, et al, but only 45 people will pay two dollars to sit in a coffeehouse to hear the same songs sung by a black blues singer. It would be laughable if it weren't so damned trafic.

That's the way it was Monday, Nov. 30, as Chicago's Johhny Shines sang his heart and guts out over almost ridiculous odds at Court C Coffeehouse.

Under better circumstances, Court C is a fine place for a concert, and some great ones have been seen. John Lee Hooker played there to an sro audience and a standing ovation, as did Sonny Terry and Brownie Mcgee and other folk-and blues figures. When the room is filled to its 225-people capacity, it makes for a warm, intimate atmosphere, but when the place is nearly empty, as it was this night, it's nothing less than frightening.

Johnny Shines is a great blues singer. That's not something I would say lightly, because the blues is my music...nothing brings me to a mood quicker than the blues. And never have I heard so many styles and sounds from any single man, the better urban city blues to the classic bottleneck sounds of the Delta. Johhny Shines shows a feeling for the music like no one I've ever seen.

John Shines worked with the legendary Robert Johnson for several years before the latter's premature death, and retains much of that man's mood for the blues. Shines also was a member of the Chicago blues all-stars, probably the best group of musicians on the modern history of the music.

From the opening boogie instrumental to the closing "Dust My Broom", Johhny Shines filled that nearly empty room with music.

The MC and driving force at Court C Coffeehouse is Chris Lunn, a likable guy and a good musician in his own right. As circumstances have it, Chris was called away at the last moment and I was given the honor of running the show.

There's a curious characteristic of this reporter that must be brought to light. F'rinstance..When I was given the opportunity some months ago to interview the great Lightnin' Hopkins for my now-defunct radio series, I had a feeling upon meeting the man somewhat akin to a young girl's kiss from Paul McCartney. That's how much these men mean to me, and it was a special feeling for me to work this night with John Shines. The second set of the evening got off to a late start, in fact, because I was sitting in the rehearsal room listening enraptured to this man's tales of the early days of his career.

The first set was the man and his acoustic guitar. As I said, Shines is a master of styles. He can finger in the best Chicago style, or bottleneck a dirt country tune with the best of them. From Robert Johnson's "Home Sweet Chicago" through Bukka White through "Stormy Monday Blues" by T-Bone Walker, even, my God, a blind Lemon Jefferson song. It was forty-five minutes of the best music I've heard in some time.

For the second set, Shines asked for help from the audience. This produced Court C's own noel ridpath on acoustic bass, behind the powerful electric guitar of the star. Ridpath is a good bassist. Despite some minor sound problems he did a good job. The whole thing ended an hour later with Robert Johnson's (Again) "Dust My Broom", one of the all-time classic blues songs. But it wasn't over for Johhny Shines. He was kept on stage shaking hands and answering questions and rapping with his friends.

Johhny Shines had told the people that night that he wasn't disappointed with the crown."I've had fun with less people than this," he said."In fact, the most fun I've ever had was with two people. Me and her."

But he was disappointed.

"Do a thing for me," he said to me. 'Tell them. Next time they'll know the old man ain't so bad."

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The soft sculpture of knit flares and skirts the ankle with a deep flounce. What's added: its own laced-up belt with a few dividend nailheads. Above, the soft crepe shirt has puffed sleeves fitted down to snug cuffs. Separates by McCall's, designed to be made in a jiffy for the holidays and worn thereafter. McCall's Pattern #2592, fabrics by Singer.

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Pictured are Harold Bond, of Tacoma Urban League, and John Webb, a student in Real Estate Sales Training.

Pictured is E. L. Johnson, President of the First Bank Mortgage.

Pictured is Woodrow Wheeler, Real Estate Commissioner.

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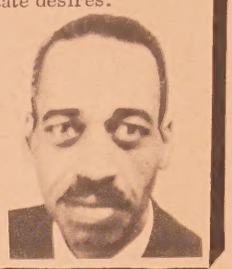

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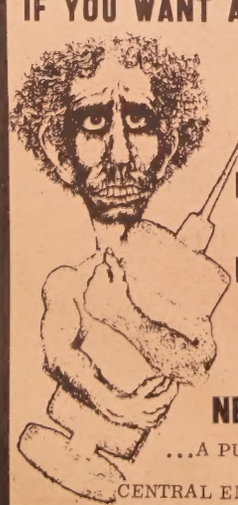

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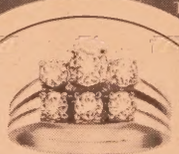

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Lill & Teri

Little Kimmie Brown was as cute as a button and very professional as she sat with Mr. Joe Jordon at the piano...Sorry the SE's (Society Editors) missed the early portion of the entertainment: The Prelude by Wealthea Smitheman and the fabulous talented "Bryant Sisters " (Gwen & Candy).

LAGNIAPPE

The Caballero's Club as well as The Elks will open on Sundays until midnight, this is really beautiful, especially during the "cheer" season..Speaking of the holiday's and what some of us will be doing: Mrs. James (Barbara) Wesley will vacation in Kansas and Colorado..Mr. Vic Harris down in sunny Cal... your SE's will be in Chicago, Florida, Alabama and on to the Virgin Islands, BUT will return to see the New Year roll in (we hope!!) ..The party that great man about Tacoma as well as Seattle (he lives in Seattle), Mr. Julian Gresham is throwing for the Kappa Theta Rho's..also planning a "SMASH" are two other great party throwers (the SE's won't tell at this point) just keep a check on your mail box.... The most elegible bachelor in town, Mr. Arthur (FOXeeeeee) Fox will be leaving town soon to visit with his sister in California. LADIES!!! WILL ART RETURN???Ahhhh!! ..if he doesn't..A California Gain***A Tacoma Loss. A very "HAPPY HAPPY BIRTHDAY" to little Phillip Robertson Jr. who was 2 years old December 14th.

Special Guest in attendant frame the painting of painting of Mrs. Eliza McCabe.

2 yrs. old

Little Miss Melissia (Miesy) Drummond, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Drummond of Tacoma, celebrated her 2nd birthday, Dec 5th.

AFRO AMERICAN SMAS DANCE

The Afro-American Educational Society is sponsoring its Second Annual "Soulful" Christmas Dance December 19, 1970, at the Amvents Hall, 3800 South Union.

Music will be provided by Charles and the Entertainers. The dance will start at 10:00 p.m. and last until 2:00 a.m.

The Afro-American Educational Society use the proceeds generated from various functions to provide scholarships for Black students to attend colleges and vocational schools of their choice. To date some 75 students have benefited from the Afro-American Educational Society's Scholarship Fund.

Tickets are $2.00 if paid for in advance. They are $2.50 at the door.

"Tacoma Urban League Honor 1970 Debs

Debutantes - 1970 in the Asberry Music Room.

The Tacoma Debutants of 1970 was feted with a tea sponsored by the Tacoma Urban League, Sunday, December 13th between the hours of 1 and 5 p.m.

This event took place in the Eliza McCabe Room at the City Association of Colored Women's Club, 2316 South Yakima.

Approximately 100 people were received by the Tacoma Urban League Committee, Associates and Hostesses. Presiding at the tea table was Mrs. Harold (Billie) Moss, attending guest book, Mrs. Ernest (Ethel) Stevenson, and serving at the punch bowl, Mrs. Ruth Jefferies.

Mrs. James (Barbara) Wesley did a magnificent job as Toastmistress and Mistress of Ceremony.

Mrs. Cyril Edwards, President of the City Association of Colored Women's Clubs, gave a very warm welcome to the 1970 debutantes and guest, and extended an invitation to all to make use of the club.

The debutantes for 1970: Misses Victoria Baker, Brenda Banks, Lucritia Croskey, Francisco Gueritiez, Janet Jackson, Bonita Newman, Barbara J. Wilson, Cathy Womack and Claudia Young, were presented with Urban League Pins and Red Roses by Mr. Harold Moss, Tacoma City Councilman, Mr. Thomas Dixon, Director Tacoma Urban League and members of the TUL Board.

Many talented people assisted in entertaining the guest through out the afternoon. They included Miss Wealthea Smitherman, Gwendolyn and Candace Bryant. Gail Palm, Kathy Murphy, Vickie Branchfield and Tora Kirkland performed a choreographic interpretation of the Lord's Prayers.

The great Musician and Composer, Mr. Joe Jordan, honored the tea by giving serveral piano and vocal selections. Little Miss Kimmie Brown, daughter of the Robert Browns, joined him at the piano and the two of them made a great team entertaining the guest.

Mrs. Crawford rendered a beautiful solo which was encouraged by the audience upon the suggestion of Mr. J. Jordan who accompanied her at the piano.

Special guest who are presently attending the L. H. Bates Vocational Technical School were Wusharaporn and Somsri Viwattanateerakul (sisters) and Ubon Thongprasnat from Thailand. Also attending was Mr. David Akintola from Nigeria, a consultant of black studies in the Tacoma School District.

This event was so well received, it could become an annual affair.

The Deb's receiving gifts along with best wishes from councilman Moss and "Tacoma Urban League Board member, Mrs. Willie (Mary) Holland.

From left to right: Mr. Harold Moss, City Councilman, Mrs. Willie E. (Ella) Crawford Sr. TUL Board member and Committee Chairman, Mrs. James (Barbara) Wesley, Mistress of Ceremony and Mr. Thomas Dixon, Executive Director of Tacoma Urban League.

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Immediately following the business meeting. Mrs. Georgia Clayton expresses surprise lovely gift reel. Polyhedron Dinner Party.

Mrs. William Green, (4th from left) was in a hostess role to out of town guest. Polyhedrons Dinner Party.

Playing the role of Santa, in a beautiful Silver metalic pant suit, was Mrs. Rosemary Johnson presenting each member with a gift. When the gifts were opened, the members facial expressions displayed that look of, "just what I always wanted."

Husbands and guest began to join the members at this point, to toast the new officers and members to a fruitful year for 1971.

Officers elected were Mmes. Frances Taylor, (Seattle) President; Ernestine Robinson, (Portland) Vice President; Georgia Clayton, (Tacoma) Recording Secretary; Cathern Ragland, (Tacoma) Financial Secretary; Carole McDonald, (Portland) Chaplin; Ora Lee Martin, (Portland) busines manager; Edna Lee, (Tacoma) escort; Mable Roberts (Tacoma) 1st Trustee; Patricia Hooks (Portland) 2nd Trustee; and Louise Martin (Seattle) Treasurer. The total membership of the Polyhedrons Past State Presidents Club is 96.

Acting as Toast-Mistress is Mrs. Rose Mary Johnson. Polyhedrons Dinner Party.

Mrs. Elsie McBell of Portland, Oregon, examines lovely Christmas decorations. Polyhedrons Dinner Party.

Pictured is President-Elect, Frances Taylor of Seattle, Washington.

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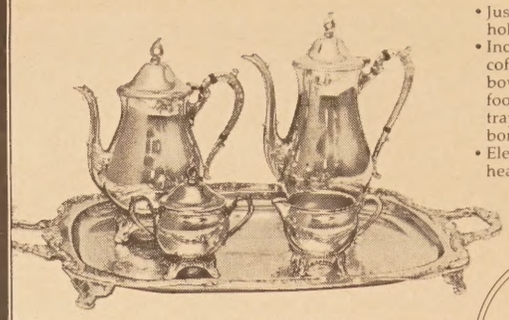

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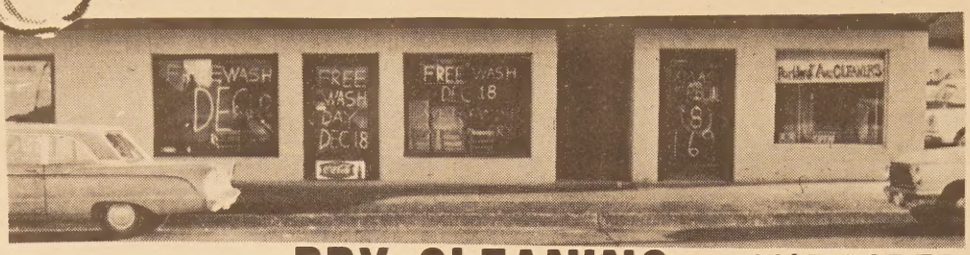

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A – Yes, if you have more than 180 days active service. If you are a single veteran, you will receive $81 a month for adult evening high school or $175 a month for full-time schooling; more if you have dependents. The law entitles you to this allowance without deducting anything from your entitlement to further education and training.

Q – What is the age limit for recipients of benefits under the G. I. Bill education program?

A – None. Benefits are available to all veterans and servicemen who qualify regardless of their age. However, the law specifies that veterans and servicemen must have served after Jan. 31, 1955.

Q – Where should I write in case my VA benefit check is not delivered on time?

A – Wait long enough to be sure that the mails have cleared, then write to the VA Regional Office which has your claim file. Include your name, if you're a veteran, or the deceased veteran's name if it is a death claim, and your claim number. Do not write to the Treasury Department because the VA will not receive your letter promptly, resulting in a delayed response.

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A – Yes. Pension is not paid to a child after marriage.

Q – A service-connected injury left me permanently and totally disabled. Will my children receive VA educational assistance while in high school?

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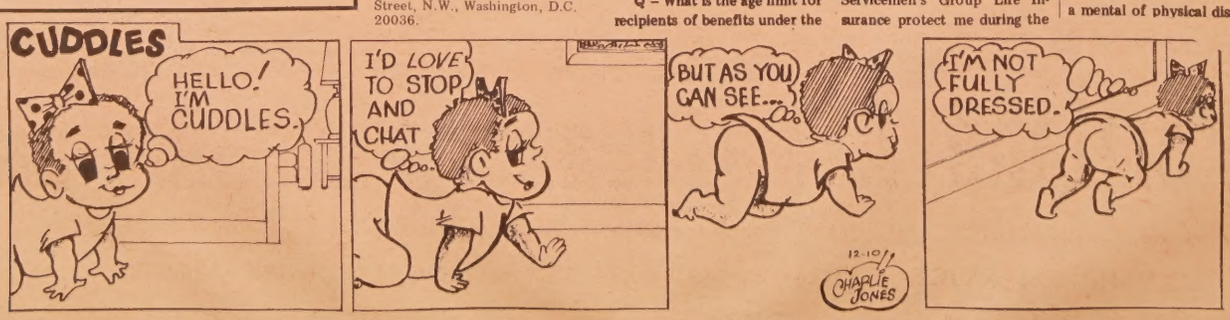

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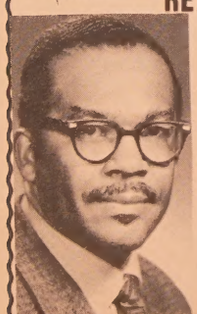

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